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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, May 11.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, .00.
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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1909.

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MAY ORDER A GENERAL STRIKE

Waipahu Working---Demands of Laborers at Aiea.

Letters from the Higher Wage Association went out to plantation committees of Japanese on the islands of Kauai, Maui and Hawaii by yesterday's steamers, apprising them of the strike movements on Oahu Island plantations. Should the association see a chance of winning, one word by wireless to each island committee will be the signal for Japanese laborers there to strike for more pay.

Formal demands were presented to Manager Ross of Honolulu plantation at Aiea yesterday, signed by a committee of twenty members. The demands are identical to those which appeared in yesterday's Advertiser.

Although the millmen on Oahu plantation at Waipahu struck on Monday, the striking of the field laborers has been postponed for various reasons, the principal one being that the Higher Wage Association does not want to have too many unemployed laborers on its hands at once.

Getting down to the basis of this decision, it is said that financial ammunition is absolutely necessary to the strike agitators, and one plantation at a time is all that can be handled. The striking leaders therefore hope to obtain funds from those employed. The original plan was to command strikes on two plantations at a time, but this plan has been modified, and Aiea alone will remain in the breach for a while. However, it was given out by one of the leaders who was in conference yesterday with the editor of the Nippu Jiji, the strikers' organ, that Waialua might have to be brought into the strike zone in a day or two.

A mass meeting is to be called in Honolulu some time this week, and representatives of the laborers from each plantation on this island are invited to be present. Contributions will be asked for today and also at the mass meeting.

The higher wage leaders have sent word to the strikers that they must refrain from drinking sake or becoming intoxicated during the strike tenure, so that no difficulties may arise from overheated brains. Fred Makino stated last night that if any striker commits violence or incites to riot the association will take a hand in assisting in his prosecution in the courts of law.

Makino blames W. O. Smith, secretary of the Planters' Association, for the present labor situation, and also states that the press has been an agent in bringing the Higher Wage Association to its determination to call a strike.

There is a vein of humor in the situation at Aiea, in that the higher wage leaders here express their admiration for Manager Ross for acceding to the humble request of the strikers that they be allowed to draw firewood supplies for their quarters in the camps.

"All the people on the plantation are satisfied with Mr. Ross," said Mr. Makino last night. "He is a gentleman." The Chinese laborers at Aiea went back to work yesterday, the Chinese Consul having been active in showing his countrymen that they had no cause for joining the Japanese.

The places of the striking millmen at Waipahu have been filled by Portuguese and Porto Rican laborers.

One or two of the leaders have expressed the opinion that the management of Aiea plantation can not evict the laborers from the plantation limits, and if they attempt it they will resist in the courts.

The formal demands made by the strikers to Manager Ross of Honolulu (Aiea) plantation, presented in writing yesterday, are as follows:

Demands of the Strikers.
Aiea, City and County of Honolulu, May 10, 1909.

Mr. George Ross, Manager, Honolulu Plantation Co., Aiea.

Dear Sir: We have the pleasure to express our keen appreciation of your past kindness and favor, and it is particularly pleasing to us to recollect that we have taken a part in the development of the Honolulu plantation, thereby not only contributing to the upbuilding of the splendid and prosperous plantation of which you are manager, but also contributing our part in the upbuilding of the Territory of Hawaii in its economic progress. It shall

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HAWAIIAN INTERESTS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Woodruff, Warren, Taft, Breckons, Junketers and the Queen.

By Ernest G. Walker.

(Mail Special to the Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The nomination of George W. Woodruff for additional judge in Hawaii is now before the Senate for confirmation. No opposition is expected. Mr. Woodruff resigned on March 31 his position as Assistant Attorney-General, on duty at the Interior Department. He and Mrs. Woodruff are now in this city and, in the event that the nomination is confirmed, as is entirely probable, plan to reach Honolulu about July 1.

Mr. Woodruff is no stranger to questions affecting the Territory of Hawaii. During the time that Mr. Garfield was Secretary of the Interior he turned over to Mr. Woodruff practically all matters concerning Hawaii which came up for consideration in the department. In this work he was in contact with Hawaiian officials and became well acquainted with many of them, including Governor Frear. This fact had much to do with the approval by some influential Hawaiians of his nomination. It also had weight with the President and the Attorney-General, who felt that it afforded some warrant for making an exception to the recognition of only local men for Hawaiian offices.

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NO ROOM FOR CONGRESSMEN

War Secretary Has No Boat for Statesmen Coming to Hawaii.

The Congressional party which is to visit Hawaii this summer as the guests of the Territory, made possible by an appropriation by the Legislature of \$20,000, will probably come to Honolulu on one of the big commercial liners instead of an army transport.

Delegate Kuhio and Secretary McClellan ascertained from the Secretary of War recently that the heavy movement of troops to Manila which is now under way will make it impossible for the War Department to provide for the party on any regular transport, and a special transport for the particular use of the party is out of the question, owing to an adverse ruling which has already been made on the application of a party of Congressmen for a special troopship to Porto Rico. The Secretary of War informed the Delegate that he had no authorization in law to furnish a special transport.

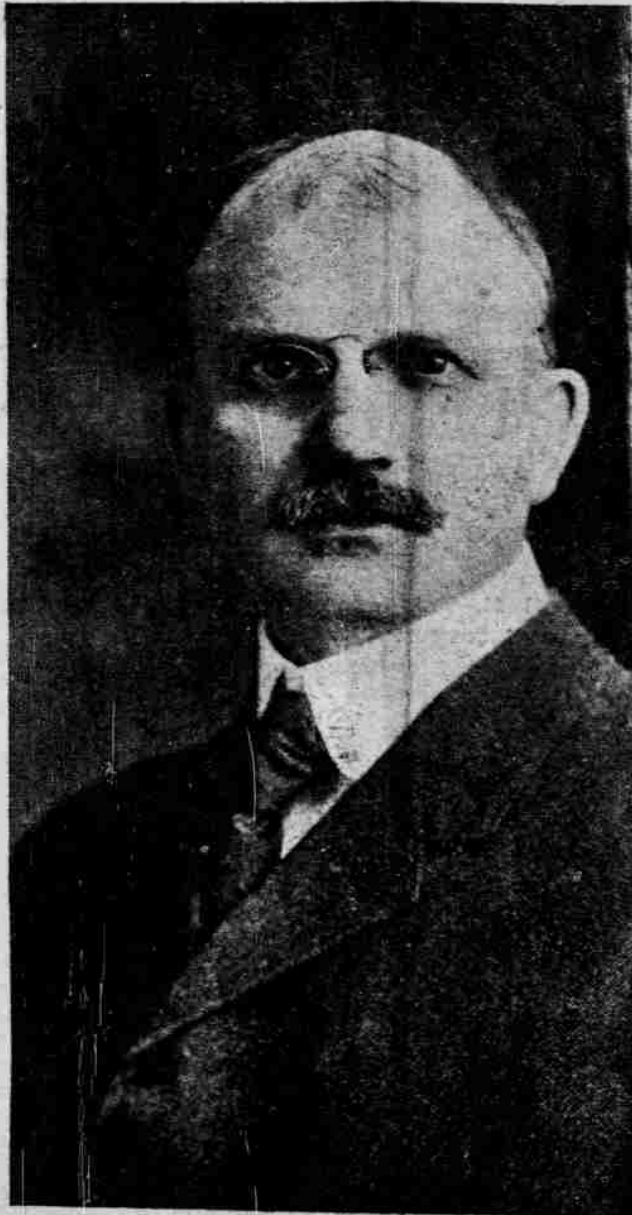
It is understood, however, that the Pacific Mail Steamship Company has made a special round-trip rate of \$100. The present tentative plan is to have the party sail from San Francisco on July 22 on the Mongolia and to sail from Honolulu for the Coast on August 21. If the special session extends into summer, the dates may have to be rearranged.

LOCAL SUGGESTIONS FOR FEDERAL BUILDING

The Assistant Secretary of the Treasury has acquiesced in the request of Delegate Kalaniana'ole to have suggestions presented to him as to materials and general plan and type of structure for the Federal building in Honolulu.

Secretary McClellan has written from Washington that he would be glad to hear from the commercial bodies as to any suggestions that they have to offer on a building to come within a cost limit of \$350,000.

The new Secretary of the Treasury a few weeks ago assured Hawaii's representatives at Washington that he would arrange for competitive plans, but later the supervising architect apparently tried to persuade him to have the building planned by the department. Whichever way the decision is made, those in charge of Hawaiian affairs at Washington believe that the date of an actual beginning will soon be reached.



HON. GEO. W. WOODRUFF, NOMINATED FOR SECOND FEDERAL JUDGE OF HAWAII.

DESKY TALKS OF CUBA LIBRE

Agricultural Land Might Cheap and All of It for Sale.

Charles S. Desky, back from Cuba, New York, Niagara Falls, Los Angeles and lots of other places, where he went as a member of the Sam Parker party, is home again. He is all for Honolulu and Hawaii, as usual, but says he has seen some fine country elsewhere, surprising as it may appear.

"Everything is for sale in Cuba," he says, "everything in the way of agricultural property. Why, we were offered 300,000 acres of as good land as the sun shines upon for one dollar an acre; and Sir Wm. Van Horne, the railway king, was willing to put free transportation, a land-guide and what not at our disposal if we wanted to look around for bargains. We could have our pick. It struck me that if the Hawaiian planters and the beet-growers would buy up Cuba at a dollar an acre they could keep the big island out of the sugar market and rent it for something else.

"Everybody bought sugar lands in Cuba when the country was opened up, but they knew nothing about making sugar profitably, and simply held the land for a rise. They are ready now to let go. Sugar-growing methods there are most primitive. The planters neither cultivate nor irrigate the soil nor strip the cane, and depend mostly on ratoonings. The mills are old-style and few and far between. I think Van Horne would make it worth while to some one to put up a modern mill near his road.

"Tobacco is an easy crop. A man can get five acres of tobacco land for practically nothing and make a living on it. Think of that, you fellows who are asking from \$100 to \$150 an acre for tobacco land here. High prices for land are the things that keep Hawaii out of its natural population of small farmers.

"Our party was in the village where the revolution started, but we didn't know it until next day, when a company of soldiers arrived. These troops were sent after the insurgents with orders to kill them and bury them in the bush, but for some reason they brought the poor devils back.

"Havana is a fine city of 300,000. I was surprised to see that the people there keep away from both the beaches and the hills and live on the flats. High surf on the beach and the near proximity of man-eating sharks urge people back from the ocean, but I don't know why they avoid the high ground. The Cubans are about the filthiest lot I ever saw.

"No, we didn't invest," concluded Mr. Desky. Why? Oh—well! "Coming home we went to Niagara and saw the ice gorge. We also had a big time in Los Angeles. I tell you Sam is a prince when he travels."

EXCHANGE GIVES NEW HOMESTEADS

The Haiku Land Trade Is Now Practically Completed.

One of the most important land exchanges which has been accomplished during the administration of Governor Frear is practically concluded, and the final papers are ready for the signatures of the government officials and the officers of the Maui Agricultural Company.

The tract known as the Haiku lands is involved in the exchange, and by its successful conclusion the Territory becomes possessed of approximately eight hundred and seventy-three acres of land adapted to the wants of the small farmer, the soil of which is suited to pineapple culture. In exchange for this acreage the government turns

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EXPECT FAVOR IN PINEAPPLE TARIFF

The Merchants' Association cablegram to Delegate Kuhio in regard to the pineapple tariff, asked for to protect Hawaii's output, was duly presented to Senator Aldrich, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. A copy was handed to Senator Flint of California, who is giving some help in the tariff fight. A brief, prepared by Mr. McClellan, has been sent to every member of the committee, showing the pineapple schedules.

It is understood from advices just received from Washington that in the present involved and more or less bitter stage which the tariff fight has reached, it is impossible to predict the outcome. It is said that some Senators are favorable, and it is hoped at least to have the canned schedule advanced above the present rate.

COL. LAUKEA IS NOW AGENT FOR THE QUEEN

Col. Curtis P. Laukea, lately Sheriff of Oahu, who formerly held high positions under the monarchy and was in attendance upon Queen Kapiolani and Liliuokalani at the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, and was Hawaii's representative at St. Petersburg during the coronation of Alexander III., has been appointed by Queen Liliuokalani as her special attorney and agent in the management of the larger affairs of her estate and her power of attorney to him has been recorded.

ANOTHER WALK-OUT OF FRENCH POSTAL AND TELEPHONE EMPLOYES

Wireless, Automobiles and Soldiers Are Trying to Keep Communication Open---Did Abruzzi Attempt Suicide?

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

PARIS, May 12.—After a stormy session the Deputies postponed the interpellations on the postal situation until May 13.

A general strike was immediately declared, and all railway, mail and postal employees walked out.

The wireless, automobiles and soldiers are being used to keep up communication throughout France.

DID DUKE OF THE ABRUZZI TRY TO COMMIT SUICIDE?

ROME, May 12.—It is reported here that the Duke of the Abruzzi, whose effort to marry Miss Elkins of West Virginia occasioned international interest recently, attempted to commit suicide while en route to India.

MANSLAUGHTER FIRST DEGREE

FLUSHING, Long Island, May 12.—Captain Hains, U. S. A., was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree, occasioning surprise, as it was believed he would be acquitted. His father, General Hains, wept when the verdict was announced, but the defendant was unmoved.

TROUBLE ON THE CANAL

COLON, Panama, May 12.—In a conflict between Panama police and employees of the canal engineers near the zone line many shots were fired and one American and one negro were killed.

TWENTY WORKMEN DROWNED

PITTSBURG, May 12.—Twenty steel works employees were drowned here by the sinking of a launch.

MORE MONEY FOR RUSSIA'S ARMY

ST. PETERSBURG, May 12.—The Duma has adopted a budget providing \$40,000,000 for extraordinary military expenditures.

OIL DOWN FIVE CENTS.

PITTSBURG, May 11.—The Standard Oil Company has reduced the price it pays for crude oil five cents a barrel. This makes a total reduction of ten cents a barrel within the last ten days.

CHINESE GET DAMAGES.

LIMA, Peru, May 11.—As a result of several stores owned by Chinese being looted, the Chinese Minister has made demands for protection, and has also laid a claim for damages. The Peruvian government has agreed to grant the claim.

BRANDENBERG TO NEW YORK.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—Broughton Brandenburg, the newspaper man charged with forging the letter of ex-President Cleveland endorsing Mr. Taft, has decided to waive extradition, and will return to New York to answer the charge laid against him.

THE CZAR GOING TO PARIS.

PARIS, May 11.—It is announced today that Czar Nicholas will pay an official visit to President Fallieres next summer.

MAZATLAN ALMOST DESTROYED.

ACAPULCO, Mexico, May 11.—The town of Mazatlan has been almost destroyed by fire.

PLANS FLYER FOR THE UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The Wright brothers arrived here today. They have come back to this country to construct an aeroplane for the government.

STILL GUESSING ON CAMPBELL'S SUCCESSOR

No Territorial Treasurer has been appointed yet, and the candidates for the \$275 per month position and the custody of the government's strongbox, are still wondering who the lucky man is going to be. Governor Frear has intimated that he is finding some difficulty in securing an "available" man for the place.

Attorney General Hemenway continues to perform the duties and the work of the Treasurer's office seems to progress satisfactorily, with Henry Hapai being in active charge of the department.

When Treasurer A. J. Campbell failed to receive confirmation at the hands of

the Senate it was thought by some members of the upper house of the Legislature that there would be no difficulty in Governor Frear deciding upon another appointee without delay. Despite the opinion of the senators, however, the Governor has apparently found that it is not easy to find a man that is willing to take the position and is also as fully qualified to perform the tasks of the office as was the official whom the Senate declined to endorse.

In the meantime the candidates are in a receptive mood.

President Taft and Francis Darwin, a son of Charles Darwin, were elected to membership in the American Philosophical Society at its annual meeting in Philadelphia.

Wandering into the room where she had been given a bath, the seventeen months old daughter of John Askup of Portland, climbed into the bath tub and was drowned.